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TURKEY

I. New regime in Turkey appears less sure of itself than week ago and may face period of increasing instability, despite outward signs of firm control.

A. Reports of growing resentment among senior military officers toward relatively junior group in the National Unity Committee which appears to be in actual control of the government.

B. Increasing pressure from vengeful elements of population (primarily in Ankara and Istanbul) who demand sternest measures against former regime.

C. Turkey desires to replace brigade (about 5000 troops) in Korea with token force (about 30) in order to free more troops for internal security duties.

II. Moscow currently attempting encourage new government continue moves for improving relations which were begun by Menderes regime. Khrushchev has sent personal letter to Gursel (contents not yet divulged) which presumably urges him to visit USSR as Menderes had planned to do in July. 25X1X6

III. Turkish officials profess concern over Soviet attitude, particularly Khrushchev's public statements which discuss Western military bases in Turkey and Turkish connection U-2 incident.

A. [REDACTED] US to issue statement of solidarity with Turkey in order to combat these signs of Soviet "pressure."